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SUBJECT: SECOND REGULAR 1978 ECOSOC GENERAL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: JULY 7 A.M. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH SPEECHES BY YUGOSLAVIA, FINLAND, USSR, WORLD BANK, AND WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. YUGOSLAV SAID HE WOULD PREFER ECOSOC MAKE ITS MACHINERY WORK RATHER THAN SEEKING TO GENERATE NEW MACHINERY. SOME INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ARE PURPOSELY BLOCKING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO. DEVELOPED STATES USE COW ONLY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. FINNISH REP RELATED WORLD ECONOMIC DECLINE TO NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS; COW IS A FRAMEWORK FOR NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG. SOVIET REITERATED WELL-WORN THEMES: THE WEST, NOT USSR, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLONIALISM AND HENCE FOR ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS OF THIRD WORLD. UN MUST SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS MUST AVOID BREAKING UN MECHANISMS AND REVISION OF UN CHARTER. DISARMAMENT WILL PRODUCE SAVINGS THAT CAN BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

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2. YUGOSLAV REP (LALOVIC) MADE PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON PRODUCING CONCRETE RESULTS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN DISCUSSING HOW ECOSOC SHOULD WORK. HE CALLED ON HIS COLLEAGUES TO MAKE THE EXISTING MACHINERY WORK RATHER THAN TO ESTABLISH NEW MACHINERY. LALOVIC ALSO CHARGED THAT THE FAILURE TO REACH ANY CONCLUSION SO FAR ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

THE NIEO SHOWS THAT SOME INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ARE PURPOSELY BLOCKING THE NIEO. HE NOTED THAT WORLD TRADE IS HEADED TOWARD PROTECTIONISM AND CALLED FOR A SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO GATT NEGOTIATIONS. LALOVIC STATED THAT EVENTS HAVE SHOWN THE DEVELOPED STATES ARE NOT PREPARED TO USE THE COW FOR MUCH MORE THAN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. DEVELOPING NATIONS CANNOT ACCEPT COW DISCUSSIONS AS AN EXCUSE FOR DELAY OF SOLUTIONS TO THESE HIGH PRIORITY PROBLEMS. HE LAMENTED THAT THE RESULTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE BEING TRANSMITTED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOO SLOWLY AND INADEQUATELY, AND EVEN HELP WIDEN THE GAP IN WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE BRUSHED ASIDE TALK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED, CALLING IT MOTIVATED BY THE INTENTION TO POSTPONE CONCRETE ACTIONS. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN PROPERLY CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY. LALOVIC DECLARED THE STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT DEVELOPMENT DECADE SHOULD BE BASED ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO AND CERDS. IT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO RESTRUCTURING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT. ON "BASIC NEEDS" HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE EVER QUESTIONED THAT DEVELOPMENT POLICY MUST BE PEOPLE-ORIENTED. BUT WHEN "WE ARE TOLD THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT, OR SHIFT THE FOCUS OF THEIR ECONOMIC

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EFFORTS AND THE LIKE, THEN, OF COURSE, SUCH A CONCEPT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE POLICIES, PLANS AND PRIORITIES OF DEVELOPMENT CAN DERIVE ONLY FROM EACH COUNTRY'S OWN PERCEPTION OF ITS NEEDS AND CONDITIONS." IN CLOSING, HE STATED YUGOSLAVIA EXPECTS "TANGIBLE PROGRESS" ON RESTRUCTURING.

3. FINLAND REP (PASTINEN) SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC DECLINE AND ITS EFFECTS ON SMALL MARKET ECONOMIES. HE THEN TURNED TO INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS TO DEAL WITH THIS, COW IN PARTICULAR AND ECOSOC IN GENERAL. IN THE FUTURE WORK OF COW, IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEEK MUTUALITY AND ESPECIALLY TO SEEK MORE DETAILED TALKS ON THE NORTH-SOUTH PLANE. COW IS A FRAMEWORK FOR NORTH-SOUTH DISCUSSION. CONTINUATION OF THIS DIALOG IS A PERMANENT INSTITUTIONAL FEATURE OF PRESENT INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. COW MUST CONCENTRATE IN AN ACTION-ORIENTED WAY TO IMPARTING POLITICAL IMPETUS TO NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND DISCUSSIONS. SELECTION OF COW PROCEDURES MUST SEEK THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE RESULTS AND MUST BE BASED ON THE NEW REALITIES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A PLANNED CHANGE (NIEO) MUST TAKE

PLACE IN THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS. INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST HARMONIZE THEIR POLICIES; THEY MUST MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM IN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT, DESPITE DISPARITIES IN PERFORMANCE AMONG THEM. PASTINEN ALSO DEEMED SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AS AT THE VERY CORE OF THE NIEO. THE UPCOMING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, HE AGREED, SHOULD BE MORE ORIENTED TOWARD THE PROBLEMS OF THE USERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THAN TOWARD THE PRODUCERS.

4. SOVIET AMBASSADOR NESTERENKO BEGAN WITH A REBUTTAL

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OF COMMENTS MADE EARLIER IN UK GENERAL DEBATE PRESENTATION. HE CITED NUMEROUS STATISTICS (E.G., 40 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF RACIAL/ETHNIC URBAN MINORITY YOUTH) TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE WORLD'S CURRENT ECONOMIC WOES STEM FROM THE INSTABILITY OF THE WORLD'S FREE MARKET ECONOMY. THE UN MUST WORK TO CURB THE EXPORT OF INFLATION. HE NOTED THAT US TNCs EARNED \$7 BILLION PROFIT ABROAD ON A \$2.8 BILLION INVESTMENT; THIS PROFIT RATE IS 25 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IS AVAILABLE IN THE US. MOREOVER, THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND MONOPOLIES THAT NOW DRAW ON BRITAIN'S FORMER COLONIES DEMONSTRATE THE REAL NATURE OF THE MEANING SOME STATES ASCRIBE TO ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. NESTERENKO DECLARED INTERNATIONAL DECOLONIZATION SHOULD FORM THE BASIS OF THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE STRATEGY. PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT DECADES FAILED BECAUSE MONOPOLISTS REFUSED TO GIVE UP THEIR PRIVILEGES. AID FROM WESTERN

NATIONS WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN DEPENDENCE OF UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE DEVELOPED WORLD, SINCE THIS AID IS LINKED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE CAPITAL. THE USSR AND ITS AFFILIATES HAVE NO HISTORIC BLAME FOR PAST WORLD COLONIZATION AND ARE THEREFORE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRENT POOR ECONOMIC STATUS OF DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES. HE CALLED ON ECOSOC TO CLEARLY SUPPORT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH THE TNC AGENDA ITEM. NESTERENKO BOASTED OF EASTERN RECORD OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THROUGH PROVISION OF EXPERTS' SERVICES TO DEVELOPING WORLD AND THROUGH AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF CAPITALIST NATIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ADOPTION BY US CONGRESS OF TRADE REGULATIONS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST USSR RESULTED IN FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL JOINT PROJECTS ALREADY AGREED ON WITH US COMPANIES. ON RESTRUCTURING HE OBSERVED THAT WE HAVE SEEN PROPOSALS WHOSE EFFECT WOULD BE "A RASH BREAKAGE OF THE EXISTING UN MECHANISM." THE USSR THEREFORE RESOLUTELY OPPOSES "CERTAIN ATTEMPTS TO CONNECT THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, IN PARTICULAR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SYSTEM OF ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND METHODS OF THEIR WORK, WITH A REVISION OF THE UN CHARTER." NESTERENKO CONCLUDED WITH THE FAMILIAR OBSERVATION THAT IF THE WORLD WERE TO ENTER AN AGE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND DISARMAMENT, THE FUNDS ENGENDERED BY SAVINGS IN MILITARY BUDGETS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

5. WORLD BANK VICE PRESIDENT CLARK REVIEWED BANK ACTIVITIES OVER PAST FIVE YEARS. HE ALSO REFERRED BRIEFLY TO BANK'S CO-FINANCING ACTIVITIES TO DATE. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION SECRETARY-GENERAL DAVIES REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL THE PAST YEAR'S WMO ACTIVITIES.

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